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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended **five** months from **January 9, 2002 to June 9, 2002** by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$980.00 for a **five** months extension for a **small** entity. Applicants previously requested a **two** months Petition for Extension of Time on February 21, 2002 with a Petition fee of \$200.00. Applicants respectfully submit the difference of \$780.00 in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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